

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electronic information retrieval device that is ~~activated when used and deactivated when not used~~ connected to a network, comprising:

- a time source;
- at least one output device;
- a memory storing a plurality of time values and storing a corresponding plurality of time-based initialization default values; and
- a processor communicating with said time source, said at least one output device, and said memory;

wherein said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said device when activated from a deactivated state, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values, retrieves a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value from said plurality of time-based initialization default values, ~~and uses said particular time-based initialization default value to retrieve particular information from a remote server connected to the network for outputting to said output device, and uses~~ said output device to display the information to a user of the device.

2. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a time-of-day value.

3. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a day-of-week value.

4. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a week-of-year value.

5. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a solar time value.

6. (Previously Presented) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said activation.

7. (Previously Presented) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said activation occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

8. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said memory stores an initialization use pattern.

9. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are user-settable.

10. (Currently amended) An electronic information retrieval device, comprising:
a time source;
at least one output device;

a memory storing (a) a plurality of time values, ~~storing~~ (b) a corresponding plurality of time-based initialization default values, and ~~storing~~ (c) an initialization use pattern ~~corresponding to user initialization value selections upon device initialization, with wherein~~
at least one of said plurality of time values and said plurality of corresponding time-based initialization default values being is learned from said initialization use pattern; and

a processor communicating with said time source, ~~said communication interface~~, said at least one output device, and said memory;

wherein, upon initialization of the electronic information retrieval device, said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said device, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values, retrieves a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value from said plurality of time-based initialization default values, and uses said particular time-based initialization default value to retrieve particular information for outputting to said output device or to configure the device~~upon initialization of the electronic information retrieval device~~.

11. (Previously Presented) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said initialization.

12. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said initialization occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

13. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are user-settable.

14. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented default initialization method for an electronic information retrieval device, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a current time value upon ~~said initialization of the device or an application~~ running on the device;

comparing said current time value to a plurality of time values;

retrieving a corresponding time-based initialization default value from a plurality of time-based initialization default values if said current time value matches a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values; and

using said corresponding time-based initialization default value ~~in said initialization method as an information retrieval value~~ to retrieve ~~particular information~~ stored remotely from the information retrieval device for output to an output device.

15. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

16. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a television channel.

17. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a radio channel.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are learned by said electronic information retrieval device from an initialization use pattern corresponding to user-selected initialization values.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said initialization of said electronic information retrieval device occurs at a power on.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said initialization corresponds to activation of a software application running on said electronic information retrieval device.

21. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said particular time-based initialization default value comprises a network address of said server.

22. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 21, wherein said particular time-based initialization default value further comprises an information identifier identifying information stored at said server.

23. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 21, wherein said particular information retrieved from said server comprises a web page.

24. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said particular time-based initialization default value comprises Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

25. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein the device is a set-top-box device for receiving cable television channels.

26. (New) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 25, wherein the said particular time-based initialization default value identifies a particular cable television channel.